



# Walden Pond State Reservation

Department of Conservation and Recreation

## JULY 11-22, 2021

## PROGRAMS



Programs are free and open to the public however, parking fees are collected year-round to support park operations. **All organized group visitations require advanced reservations.** Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult. No dogs allowed. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. To arrange group visitation contact: [walden.programs@mass.gov](mailto:walden.programs@mass.gov) or (978) 405-2082. **During warm weather and holidays, the park has frequent visitor capacity closures to protect the resource. Check park hours and capacity closure updates on [twitter@waldenpondstate](https://twitter.com/waldenpondstate)**

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Daily  
7am-6pm

### Self-guided Summer StoryWalk®

#### *Henry Hikes to Fitchburg—accessible Woods Path*

Take a walk on Walden as you follow Henry’s adventures on this family-friendly *Woods Path* trail. This easy 1/2 mile walk on a crushed stone surface takes 15 minutes each way. NO BIKES. NO DOGS. Shoes, water, and bug spray suggested.

Daily  
10am-3:30pm

### Visitor Center—Thoreau Exhibits & *Walden*—film

Come investigate the life and legacy of Henry David Thoreau at Walden Pond! The 22-minute Ken Burns film, made for the park by the Walden Woods Project, shows every 1/2 hour.

Sundays  
Mondays  
Tuesdays  
Wednesdays

### Concord Authors—Visitor Center Interpretation 1:00-3:00pm

Learn about the “Concord Summer” and books of these literary residents: Alcott, Emerson, Fuller, Hawthorne, and Thoreau.



Thursdays

### Excavation at Walden—original house site

Learn about the excavation of the original house site near Thoreau Cove in the 1940s and the cairn. Maps at the kiosk or Visitor Center.

### Meet Thoreau’s Family—at the replica

1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30pm

Learn about Thoreau’s family and how they influenced his ideas.

Fridays

### How Deep is Walden Pond?—at Main Beach

10:00-11:00am

Meet a Park Interpreter on the Main Beach Patio for a hands on demonstration of the formation of the deepest natural freshwater body in Massachusetts.

### Thoreau’s Stay at Walden—at the replica

1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30pm

Discover how, when, and why Thoreau lived “a deliberate life” at Walden for two years, two months, and two days.

Saturdays

### What Lives in Walden Pond?—Main Beach patio

10:00-11:30am

Be a naturalist like Thoreau. Meet a Park Interpreter to learn about the fauna that make their home in the pond. For all ages.

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coming events